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Governor Baker Nominates Kimberly Foster of Somerville as Clerk Magistrate of the Somerville District Court

BOSTON – Today, Governor Charlie Baker announced the nomination of Attorney Kimberly M. Foster of Somerville to the position of Clerk Magistrate of the Somerville District Court. Attorney Foster has 17 years of legal experience in the public and private sectors.

“Attorney Foster has the knowledge and experience from prosecuting and defending cases in the District and Superior Courts that will allow her to serve the Commonwealth well,” **said Governor Charlie Baker**. “I am pleased to nominate this qualified candidate and submit her name to Governor’s Council for their advice and consent.”

“Attorney Foster is well-qualified, having served as the Chairperson of the Division of Insurance Board of Appeal since 2012 and in various public and private sector positions before that,” **said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito**. “I am confident that, if confirmed, she will treat all parties before her fairly.”

The District Court hears a wide range of criminal, civil, housing, juvenile, mental health, and other types of cases. District Court criminal jurisdiction extends to all felonies punishable by a sentence up to five years, and many other specific felonies with greater potential penalties; all misdemeanors; and all violations of city and town ordinances and by-laws. The District Court is located in 62 courts across the Commonwealth.

For more information about the District Court, visit their [homepage](#).

Judicial nominations are subject to the advice and consent of the Governor’s Council. Applicants for judicial openings are reviewed by the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) and recommended to the governor. Governor Baker established the JNC in February 2015 pursuant to Executive Order 558, a non-partisan, non-political Commission composed of volunteers from a cross-section of the

Commonwealth's diverse population to screen judicial applications. Twenty-one members were later appointed to the JNC in April 2015.

About Kimberly M. Foster:

Attorney Kimberly M. Foster has served as Chairperson of the Division of Insurance Board of Appeal since 2012. As Chairperson, Attorney Foster hears appeals from any ruling or decisions made by the Registry of Motor Vehicles, insurance cancellations and surcharge appeals and leads the conduct of the hearings. Attorney Foster began her legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Middlesex District Attorney's Office in 2001. As an Assistant District Attorney, Foster prosecuted thousands of adult and juvenile cases and tried over 40 cases. From 2004 to 2012, Attorney Foster joined the firm of Petruccelli & Foster as Partner, specializing in the criminal defense of private and court appointed clients in the District and Superior Courts. Foster earned her B.A. in Political Science from Boston University in 1997 and J.D. cum laude from Suffolk University Law School in 2001.

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